

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON RETIREE HEALTH CARE REFORMS**

**Thursday, December 13, 2007**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Room 521, House Office Building**

**Chair Meadows** called the Standing Committee on Retiree Health Care Reforms to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Johnson, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss (10/10)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None (0/10)

**Representative Wenke** moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on November 29, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 5545** and **5546** before the committee.

HB 5545 Meadows Retirement; state employees; consolidation of employee retirement health care funds with employee health care funds; provide for.

HB 5546 Calley Retirement; judges; consolidation of employee retirement health care funds with employee health care funds; provide for.

**Adam Stacey**, from the House Democratic Policy Office, explained the intent of the bills and answered questions.

**Nick Ciaramitaro**, representing the Michigan AFSCME - Council 25, testified in **opposition** to the bills **as written**, and answered questions.

**Alvin Whitfield** and **Duane Marlan**, representing the Michigan State Employee Retirees Association, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions. Mr. Whitfield also submitted written testimony.

**Phil Stoddard**, representing the Michigan Office of Retirement Services, testified on the bills and answered questions.

**Ellen Hoeskstra**, representing the Michigan Association of Government Employees, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills as written, but did not wish to speak.

**Cynthia Paul**, representing the SEIU, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills as written, but did not wish to speak.

**Nadine Nosal**, representing the International Union - UAW, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

**Jack Minore**, representing the AFL-CIO, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Moss** moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5545**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss (9/10)

**NAYS:** None (0/10)

**PASS:** None (0/10)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Spade** moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 5546**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss (9/10)

**NAYS:** None (0/10)

**PASS:** None (0/10)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Moss** moved to report **House Bill 5545**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss (9/10)

**NAYS:** None (0/10)

**PASS:** None (0/10)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Valentine** moved to report **House Bill 5546**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meadows, Coulouris, Spade, Alma Smith, Valentine, Wenke, Calley, Knollenberg, Moss (9/10)

**NAYS:** None (0/10)

**PASS:** None (0/10)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **11:34 a.m.**

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**Representative Mark Meadows, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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Proposed